(c): All effort at made by the Central Electricity Authority to accord techno-economic clearance to the proposals received from the State Governments as expeditiously a possible) After techno-economic clearance from CEA, the project is processed in Planning Commission for investment approval.

[*Translation*]

Pay Phone Card System in Post Offices

1695. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether pay phone card system has been introduced by the Government for making local and S.T.D. phone calls;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide such facility in every post office and at public places; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c). The proposal envisages provision of card operated pay phones at important public places including big post offices.

[*English*]

Communal Riots

1696. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of riots that took place in the country during the last six months; and

(b) the number of persons killed in these riots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (a) and (b) On the basis of available information, particulars of major communal riots in the country from 1 May to 31 October, 1991 are as follows:-

Name of the place	*Number of persons Killed*
1	*2*
ANDHRA PRADESH:	
Hyderabad (Sept.22-28)	5
BIHAR	
Chakradharpur (Distt. Singhum (8.8.91)	5
GUJARAT	
Broach Town (July 23-24)	4
Jambusar (July 23-24)	3

Name of the place	*Number of persons Killed*
1	*2*
Baroda City (July 23-28)	9
MADHYA PRADESH:	
Khargone (May 16-18)	6
UTTAR PRADESH	
Varanasi (May 18-22)	10
Kanpur (May 19-23)	18
Meerut (May 20-23)	30
Sikandrabad (Distt. Bulandshahar) (May 20-22)	11

Pak Trained Kashmir Militants

1697. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of militants of Kashmir trained by Pakistan who have been apprehended during the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (b). According to information furnished by the government of Jammu and Kashmir, 299, 2360 and 1963 terrorists were arrested in 1989, 1990 and up to 10th November, 1991, respectively.

The Government has already stepped up vigil on the border to check infiltration/ exfiltration, has identified vulnerable pockets for anti-terrorist operations and raids on suspected hideouts of terrorists and extortionists have been intensified. Intelligence has also been strengthened.

Post Offices, Telegraph Offices and Telephone Exchanges in Maharashtra

1698. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges proposed to be opened in Maharashtra during the year 1991-92; district-wise;

(b) the amount allocated for the purpose; and

(c) the number of STD and ITD connec-